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In re Application of MAJIMA et al.

Application No. 09/890,550

Examiner: VO, Hai

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Group Art Unit: 1771

For: POROUS SILICON CARBIDE SINTER AND SILICON CARBIDE-METAL  
COMPOSITE THAT ARE OPTIMAL FOR A WAFER GRINDER TABLE

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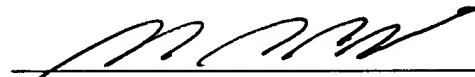
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